



# ST. MICHAEL'S MAIL

St. Michael's Nursery Newsletter

21st April 2024

**Hello from the nursery team:  
Hilary, Jennie, Georgie, Kelly, Lizzie, Louise and Sophie**

Dear parents and carers,

This week we will continue our pets theme. The children have loved sharing their pet pictures with us so it's not too late to send them in via Tapestry, if you have not already done so. We will also incorporate St. Georges Day into our activities, playing with castles, knights and acting out the story, but we might add a twist and end up with a pet dragon! We hope to make some tropical fish for a pretend aquarium, and will continue with shape sorting and counting with our shaped dog biscuits!

Meanwhile we are preparing for a visit from Boxhill School students next week. The students are supporting local groups and charities and we have a few jobs for them to do, which will include some work in our Forest School! We do however need adults to help with the preparation, hence the request for parents with chainsaws! We have several seasoned branches that need cutting down for the students to chop into logs. Please can you help?? I have one parent coming in on Wednesday afternoon between 1 & 3pm, can you also assist at this time, or join in with your chainsaw?? Thank you in advance.

Our stock of nappies has significantly decreased, please ensure that if your child is in nappies that you provide a change in their kit bag, or indeed if your child is no longer in nappies, we can make a good home for any spares you may have!

Children who are starting reception classes in September will have been offered their school places last week. Please let Hilary know which school your child has been offered a place at, as we will begin to make contact with reception teachers for transition chats. We also strongly advise not to talk about moving on to school too soon! September is a VERY long time away for a child. Some children manage the transition well, but for others, talking about change can build anxiety, it is honestly better to wait until just before you are invited for visits etc.

I missed a very important date from last week's list! Friday 14th June we will be inviting fathers/grandfathers to join us for a fathers day breakfast before drop off. Pop it in the diary now!

Hilary

## **Diary Dates for Summer Term:**

Friday 14th June: Fathers' Day breakfast

Tuesday 25th June: New parents' social evening

Saturday 6th July: Mickleham and Westhumble Summer Fair

Wednesday 10th July: Nursery end of term show

Saturday 13th July: Mickleham and Westhumble Horticultural Show

Wednesday 17th July: Sports day ~ younger children

Thursday 18th July: Sports day ~ older children

Friday 19th July: End of term leavers' party

Date TBC: Parent's evening dates for leavers

# This week...

## Communication, Language & Literacy:



Supporting significant letter and name recognition, and early writing:

- Write the letters of your child's name on Duplo blocks, post it notes, magnetic letters - anything that can be jumbled up. Provide an example of their written name and encourage them to put the letters in the correct order.
- Label things with their name at home, providing lots of opportunities to see it in print.
- As you write say the phonic sound of each letter and talk about how you are forming the letters as you write them.
- Make sure to use upper case for the initial letter only, followed by lower case for the remaining letters.

## Number of the week:

A card for the number 2. It features a large purple number '2' and the word 'two' in purple below it. At the top left is a ten-frame with two dots in the right column. At the top right is a two-dot pattern. At the bottom left are two hands showing two fingers. At the bottom right is a red and white cube. A small 'twinkl' logo is also present.

## Woodland Wonder:

Spring is here and dandelions are popping up everywhere. Every part of the dandelion is edible - roots, leaves and flowers. They can be used to make drinks, jams, sweet treats and salads. If you decide to give it a try make sure to pick dandelions from an area that won't have been sprayed with pesticides and avoid picking from roadside areas due to pollution. There are many recipes on the Internet - let us know if you give something a try!



## Star of the Day

Please take a photo or short video of something special that your child would like to share with us at nursery, and upload it to Tapestry.

**NB. please record videos in LANDSCAPE format (i.e. with phone/tablet held horizontally) so we are able to view them on the large screen.**

Monday 22nd: Oliver

Tuesday 23rd: Robyn

Wednesday 24th: Oscar B

Thursday 25th: Cali

Friday 26th: Millie

Our Star of the Day schedule is also displayed in the nursery window for future dates